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From the President

By the time this number of the *Michigan Librarian* crosses your desk, the details of the Conference will be settled and all you need to do is decide which meetings you want to attend, send in your reservation, make arrangements with librarians in your area to share a ride, and prepare to join your colleagues for four profitable days in Detroit. The complete program is printed in this issue along with a form for advanced reservations.

Annual reports of the Sections and Committees are printed for the membership to study in advance of the Conference. While not all committee chairmen will make an additional report at the Conference there will be ample opportunity for all members to ask questions and to make suggestions of study programs and suitable activities for 1958. One special report will be that of the Committee on the Constitution and By-laws. Please study the changes proposed by this Committee and plan to be at the Business Meeting on Friday morning when the vote on these changes takes place.

The Adult Education Section will assist with the evaluation Program on Friday evening. All Sections will hold Business and program meetings; this year both the Catalog and Reference Sections are in charge of General Sessions. In addition to the Story-Telling Festival, we have planned another program for pure enjoyment: Dr. Paul Rankin, Assistant Superintendent of the Detroit Public Schools, reading poetry.

While our Annual Conference and the windup of the year's work are especially interesting and important to Michigan Librarians, there were some national events that deserve reporting also.

Our ALA Councilor, Michigan's representative as a Chapter of ALA, was unable to attend the Annual Conference in Kansas City in June. A roll call vote indicated that 64 other Councilors were also absent. A study of the matter will be undertaken and may result in the consideration of some sort of arrangement for alternates. This was suggested by the Michigan Library Association Executive Board early in the year; the roll call vote served to point up the need.

Plans are underway to celebrate National Library Week in March, 1958. A joint project of the National Book Council and the American Library Association the plan calls for State Committees of laymen and librarians who will call attention to libraries as an important link in the process of emphasizing books and reading in understanding our world and the way it works. Each Librarian and Board of Trustees will have a part to play in this celebration which will take whatever form seems most suitable for the local area. Mr. John Robling will be in general charge of the program for the NBC and either he, or some member of his staff, may be at the Conference to discuss plans for the week with Michigan librarians. All Michigan libraries will want to take an active part in the program and share in the united effort of the communications industry to acquaint the general public with libraries and the need for increased support as a part of the promotion of wider and wiser use of books.

ALA Council voted to move the Headquarters from Chicago to Washington as soon as the necessary details could be settled. Since this is a matter of some importance a petition was circulated to submit the question of the move to the membership by a mail vote. An opportunity to voice your opinion will be offered in a ballot in the September ALA Bulletin. All members are urged to read the committee report and return the ballot by the deadline.

This report to you, as my year as President draws to a close, gives me an opportunity to thank the Executive Board, the Section officers, District officers, and Committee chairmen and members for unfailingly cheerful cooperation. I appreciated the help of Evelyn Tintera, the Association's part-time Executive Secretary and full-time friend. I have greatly enjoyed this interesting and busy year as the official spokesman for the Michigan Library Association.

Clover Flanders



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Committees

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

The Intellectual Freedom Committee met only once during the year, on October 2, and considered what action it might take in anticipation of need for its services. As a result of suggestions at this meeting, the chairman ascertained from Mr. Clift that A.L.A. could offer little financial assistance in case of legal action involving an MLA librarian contending with censorship pressure or facing dismissal because of refusal to violate his principles regarding censorship, and that help would have to be sought from local civil liberties organizations and the State bar association. He considered a suggestion for the preparation of a handbook for libraries on the issue of censorship explaining to what extent the Committee and the Association would support a member under censorship pressure. He believes that such a document is not feasible unless the statement is so broad as to be almost useless because of the great variation in types of cases that might arise. The chairman was authorized to appoint a stand-by committee of 5 members to act as a fact-finding board if there were an instance of restraint of intellectual freedom in a Michigan library. No need for such a committee was noted during the year. The members of the committee were put on the mailing list for the *National Book Committee Quarterly* which offers excellent news coverage and analysis of censorship cases in the country.

One suggestion endorsed by the committee called for publication of an article on the book selection policies followed by various member libraries. This article was to be based on replies to a request for such policy statements published in the *Michigan Librarian*. Unfortunately, there has been no response to this request so far. A request was published also for information from members of the Association regarding any pressure on Michigan librarians to censor, ban, or label books, or otherwise distort their judgment in book selection in conformity with the views of pressure groups, or municipal or other governmental officials, or other self-appointed censors. No response to this request was received.

The chairman of the committee accompanied by Prof. Samuel D. Estep, Director of the Legislative Research Center of the University of Michigan Law School, called on Senator Carlton Morris, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee of the State Legislature on March 13 to discuss the unsatisfactory features of S.1036, introduced by Senator Ryan of Detroit. This bill, intended to protect minors against obscenity, was so broadly worded that college, high school, and public librarians would almost certainly have been in danger of committing misdemeanors regularly had it been passed. The reason for its introduction at this time was the apprehension of numerous groups that the State had no anti-obscenity legislation on the books which would stand up in the higher courts. This feeling was based on various previous court decisions including the one by the Supreme Court on the appeal of the Butler case to the effect that a book might not be kept from general sale solely because it might be deemed injurious to minors.

On April 18 the chairman was invited to appear before Senators Morris and Ryan and a representative of the Attorney General's office to discuss a new bill entered by Senator Ryan, S. 1358. In the meantime Representatives Hughes and Whinery had introduced a bill, H.441, which in effect would have brought the book rather than the vendor to trial. It provided for judicial review and testimony by experts in various fields before judgment on the book could be passed by the court, and, in general, offered a very satisfactory, if laborious, method of enjoining the sale or distribution of publications found by the courts to be obscene, lascivious, lewd, etc. S.1358 was an improvement over its predecessor, S.1036, in that it narrowed the field of publications to be kept from sale or distribution. Moreover it was not aimed at restricting distribution of obscenity to minors only. This bill in contrast to H.441 provided for a criminal proceeding only and omitted the safeguards to insure testimony by a group of

Two Story-telling Festivals

experts on the question of the obscenity of the publications concerned. The Chairman of the Committee argued for the House bill in preference to the Senate version and suggested finally that if a civil procedure as contained in H.441 was not thought to be adequate, it might be possible to combine the best features of both bills. Senator Morris expressed approval of this idea and ascertained at once that this would be possible.

News of this possibility, however, reached various police jurisdiction in the state which objected to the civil procedure. An official of the Detroit police gave a strong statement to the press in opposition to H.441 and mentioning the opposition by "U. of M. professors" to legislation that would, in his view, help combat juvenile delinquency. At the request of a Detroit magazine and book wholesale distributor, Senator Morris held a public hearing on S.1358 and H.441 on April 30. The Chairman asked two of the Intellectual Freedom Committee members, Eileen L. Oehler and Richard Chapin to attend the hearing with him as an *ad hoc* subcommittee. The Chairman testified briefly on the virtues of H.441 over S.1358. A partially accurate account of his testimony appeared in the Detroit press on the following morning and he is informed that an early news broadcast by a Detroit television station misquoted him as asserting that both the Bible and Shakespeare are obscene.

The Legislature, unfortunately, passed S.1358, not H.441. But at least the first bill introduced, S.1036, had been forestalled. The present legislation will undoubtedly cause no more difficulty for librarians than had been possible heretofore. The lawyers whom the chairman of your committee has consulted have informed him that this entire legislative effort was needless despite protests of various police officers and prosecutors to the contrary since sale or distribution of obscenity has always been punishable in Michigan under common law and without specific statutes. The opportunity to adopt a model anti-obscenity act, however, was lost for the time being.

Frederick H. Wagman, *Chairman*

LEGISLATIVE 1956-1957

The Committee was large enough this year to divide into sub-committees. They were: Federal Aid, State Aid, Penal Fines, Saginaw Reference Project and Grand Traverse. The latter sub-committee died a sudden death when the local Board of Supervisors, in a secret ballot, refused to allow people to vote on extra millage for the regional library. Sub-committee chairmen did much of their own planning and correspondence.

A "watching" schedule was set up from the end of March to mid-May. Members of the committee took turns going to Lansing to keep in touch with Legislative happenings. This proved to be very helpful to committee members because they learned a good deal about how the senators and representatives conduct business.

Occasional requests for hurry-up telegrams by Julia Bennett, of the Washington Office, made it seem advisable to have a special telegram committee. The chairman of the Federal Aid Sub-committee helped organize this group.

The final Legislative Newsletter of this year gave information on the actual outcome of our Legislative program: some increase in State Aid (there's at least a crack in the \$362,000 barrier!) and approval of the use of federal funds. The Congress okayed \$5,000,000 for the federal appropriation so Michigan will receive about \$138,000 in 1957-'58.

A new tax source is very necessary if the State is to keep up with the growing needs of its people. The same difficulty in obtaining needed funds will be faced by our next Legislative Committee. They will need help from all members of the Association.

Getting news to the members of a sudden legislative crisis has always been a problem. Therefore, several different libraries have been asked to serve as a Communications Center for two or three neighboring counties. It is hoped that this will lighten the load of work of the chairman of this committee and result in a more successful legislative campaign.

Work has progressed this year on a manual written by Robert Armstrong, last year's chairman. This will describe ways in which MLA members can help the Legislative Committee put through our program.

Leland Stowe, banquet speaker

The Committee which worked with me was a very good one. They deserve a lot of credit for both "watching" and working as do all our supporters in the state. Thank you for your help. We must keep up the good work.

Carol Thomas, *Chairman*

STUDY OF LIBRARY LAWS

No formal meetings were held during the year. Individual members worked with the Legislative Committee to secure passage of an acceptable Circuit Court law libraries bill.

While the bill might not have been entirely pleasing to all members of the Association, it represents a compromise of the opinions of the lawyers and judges groups and the Library Association.

The need for a united stand regarding penal fines is made even more imperative by the forthcoming State Constitutional Convention. It is suggested that a study be made to determine what stand the Association wishes to take in regard to the collection and allocation of penal fines.

Robert W. Armstrong, *Chairman*

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee held a meeting on November 16, 1956, at which time the year's plans were formed. From then on the work was done by mail and telephone.

The previous year's letters to new members and ALA members were revised and approved, and a new letter was composed for delinquent members also. 1041 letters have been mailed to date, and more will follow.

This year we tried, for the first time, to include a business reply envelope which was paid for upon return to Mrs. Tintera. From all reports, this is definitely proving worthwhile. We also included a revised brochure elucidating MLA objectives and activities, which appeared to be helpful in explaining the functions of MLA to present members as well as new ones. Also gave the Trustee Section calendars and committee checklists to include in its letter to the trustees. We decided to contact all the library directors in Michigan, plus their staffs, but work is still underway on this project. Since last year's talks to college students did not yield enough memberships to make it worthwhile, it was decided to discontinue visiting them.

Fourteen District and Section meetings were covered by a representative from the committee. The cooperation of the chairmen of these meetings in setting up a table, permitting us to make a brief announcement at the luncheon, and making a copy of the list of registrants and their addresses, is appreciated.

Throughout the year it was suggested that the mailing lists be more specific, alternates be appointed to cover the District and Section meetings, trustees continue to be placed on the Membership Committee, and that library boards pay one half of the trustee's membership in MLA. Personal notes added to the letters were received with welcome. A joint committee composed of MLA and MASL members is being appointed so that the two organizations may work more closely together in the future.

The latest figure for MLA membership is 1583. Just how many of these are attributed to the endeavors of the Membership Committee is immeasurable, but it is certain that a great deal of the credit is theirs, and that their efforts greatly contribute to our success. In view of the fact that a number of librarians active in MLA left the state this year, it is encouraging to realize that there are more members at present than there were a year ago at this same time.

Suzanne Souder, *Chairman*

NEWCOMERS

Newcomers Day was held on April 3, 1957, at the Kellogg Center on the Michigan State University campus. Newcomers to the state in public, school, and special libraries, and new trustees, were welcomed to the meeting and were given an over-all picture of the State Library work, as well as the function and duties of the various committees in the Michigan Library Association. A tour of the new Michigan State University Library ended the day.

Gertrude Laird, *Chairman*

Wonderful, wonderful exhibits

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee met in East Lansing in January, well fortified with suggestions for nominees for four Michigan Library Association offices: 1st Vice-President (President-Elect), 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, and Trustee Member-at-Large. Many recommendations for possible candidates had come to the committee in response to a letter sent out in December to key people all over the state and to a notice in the December, 1956, *Librarian*.

Personal qualifications, as well as geographical and type of library distribution were seriously considered and lists for each office were compiled. The remainder of the work was carried on by letter and by telephone. It was very helpful this year, to have had a second member on the committee from the same district as the chairman. It was also a saving to the Michigan Library Association in long distance telephone calls.

With the approval of the Executive Board, nominees for the office of 2nd Vice-President were chosen from the school librarians, instead of, as has traditionally been done, from the Upper Peninsula librarians. The reason for this was that the Upper Peninsula has at present three members on the Executive Board and will continue to have one for next year.

My thanks to a good committee and especially to Mr. Arthur Yabroff who helped with final decisions, to Mrs. Evelyn Tintera with her up-to-date records and lists, and to all who sent suggestions to us. Our ballot should reflect the thinking and cooperation of the membership.

Mrs. Marion Wilcox, *Chairman*

PLANNING

The activities of the Planning Committee this year have been limited to a continued examination of published material on the metropolitan fringe area problem. We have found no specific mention of libraries being included in the existing plans. The Public Administration Service has no information specifically relating to libraries either.

The committee expects to have an article and selective bibliography ready for the December issue of the MICHIGAN LIBRARIAN to summarize the activity in this field. Other communities have followed the examples set by Toronto, Pittsburgh and Miami and there has been increased interest during the past year.

The Michigan State Library has suggested that the Planning Committee consider undertaking the promotion of the new A.L.A. principles and standards PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE: A GUIDE TO EVALUATION WITH MINIMUM STANDARDS within the state. This would fulfill the planning committee's function to help promote better library service in Michigan. We, therefore, recommend it be considered by next year's committee.

Frances A. Geddes, *Chairman*

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Public Relations Committee continued the Library Articles Publication project of the previous year. In this project the committee arranged for placement of articles on library service in several Michigan periodicals. It requested various librarians to write articles on their fields or the particular interest of the periodical for publication. Articles by Miss Elinor Yungmeyer, MSL, Walter Forester, DPL, and Bernard Rink, formerly Grand Traverse Regional Project, were published. Other Articles are in process. The project received the cooperation of the Publications Committee.

The Committee was represented at the New Comers' Meeting in Lansing in April. The work of the Committee over a period of years was described, and New Comers were encouraged to develop Library P.R. consciousness.

Stimulation of Michigan Library cooperation with the Junior Chamber of Commerce "Operation Library" has been the most immediate project. Plans are materializing to insure close cooperation on "Operation Library" with the "Jaycees", MSL and MLA. "Operation Library" will continue to be a Committee project for the coming year.

Stanley Carman, *Chairman*

Something of interest for everyone

PUBLICATIONS

MLA publications which were cleared or acted upon through the Publications committee are the following:

1. A new brochure for new MLA members by the Public Relations committee—accepted by our committee.
2. The Legislative committee submitted a manual designed for use by MLA members and friends. The manual will be printed at a later date in a brief and usable form.
3. Two articles were written by Mr. Walter Forster, Chief of Business and Commerce Dept. of Downtown Library, Detroit Public Library. One article, *The Public Library as your Research Department*, appeared in the March, 1957 issue of *Business Topics*, publication of Bureau of Business Research, College of Business and Public Service, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich. Mr. Forster's other article, *The Use of Telephone Directories in Michigan Libraries*, will be published in a Michigan Bell Telephone publication. Our committee has not been informed that it has appeared as yet.
4. The Recruiting Committee through Mrs. Willard Phelps, member, has contacted us in regard to the publication of librarianship-as-a-vocation articles for publication in various popular magazines, such as *Senior Scholastic*, *Girl Scout Leader*, *Parent Teacher* magazine, *Kiwanis International*, etc. This project is still in progress. The actual article for publication has not been submitted to our committee.

Our Publications committee had one meeting this year, on February 4, 1957, at the Michigan State Library.

Madge R. Doty, *Chairman*

RECRUITING

The big news in Recruiting this year is the new bulletin published by ALA as an initial step in the National Plan for Library Recruiting. Your committee has copies for distribution, but it is available to anyone from ALA on request. We urge you to read it, display it, and put it into the hands of all prospects.

It has been a year of Recruiting Action in Michigan—a year in which the trend has been more and more toward person-to-person recruiting. The Committee met in January and decided on the following approaches to the job: 1) continuance of letters to young people, 2) contacts with Guidance Counselors, 3) availability of committee members as speakers to groups of young people, 4) distribution of printed materials, 5) queries to family and educational magazines in quest of outlets for information concerning librarianship to the general public, 6) collection of attractive photographs of librarians in action to be used as bulletin and exhibit materials, and 7) cooperative efforts with the Scholarship Committee.

The Committee met again in May to report progress of activities. Reports showed results from each assignment. Jacqueline Mathes received a scholarship list from that committee and duplicate lists have been made. John Gillesby had sent out a letter to special libraries for interesting photographs. Elliott Kanner and Florence Wiselogle attended the Spring meeting of SLAAM with an exhibit and free materials, and they had personal interviews with some potential librarians. Mrs. Phelps had sent letters to a selected group of magazines and has received one request for a 500 word article. Joyce Condon was successful in getting an item in the Guidance Counselor's Newsletter from which we had requests for material. Each committee member reported that they were making the most of every opportunity to talk to prospects both collectively and individually.

The Chairman had the privilege of speaking to the librarians who attended the State Library Workshops—not to recruit in the primary sense, but to show them why and how to recruit young people.

The Committee expressed a wish to meet in September because they feel that meeting together produces the stimulation so necessary to do an enthusiastic job of recruiting.

Elizabeth Howard Mizner, Conference luncheon speaker

Plans are being formulated for an exhibit at the conference to bring the librarians of the state a reminder to recruit.

Florence Wiselogle, *Chairman*

SCHOLARSHIP

The work of the Scholarship Committee for the past year has been conducted by means of correspondence and telephone.

Because of the comparatively few requests for loans from the Constance Bement Loan Fund during the past few years, and acting upon suggestions made at the annual Council meeting held in Lansing on December 7, 1956, the Scholarship Committee agreed that it might be advisable to combine the Constance Bement Loan Fund and the Workshop Scholarship Fund into one fund from which scholarships instead of loans would be granted. This was put into the form of a recommendation from the committee to the Executive Board. The Board decided to postpone any action on this for the time being, and the wisdom of their decision was demonstrated almost immediately.

One loan, requested from the 1955-1956 committee, had been approved and granted in December 1956. Since then three more applications have been received and loans granted, so at the present time all but \$154.05 of the Constance Bement Loan Fund is at work helping prepare librarians for the profession.

Three scholarships from the Workshop Scholarship Fund were granted this year for the workshops held in July and August at St. Mary's Lake and at Higgins Lake. Collections were taken at all the spring district meetings to augment this fund.

The Committee would like to recommend to next year's committee that a survey be made of all Michigan colleges and universities to determine exactly what scholarships and grants are available in Michigan to those desiring to enter library school. Requests for this information have been received during the year, and a compilation of such material will undoubtedly prove most helpful in recruiting new members for the profession.

Marian Fortier, *Chairman*

Sections

ADULT EDUCATION

The officers of the Section participated in an Institute on Program Planning for District Meetings, held at East Lansing on the day following the 1956 meeting of MLA Council. The success of the Institute led the MLA Executive Board to request that the Section assume responsibility for another such session for 1957, planning for which is now in progress. The section's officers also served on the planning committee for the Michigan Conference on Training Needs of Librarians in Adult Education, held at Haven Hill October 14-15.

A major activity of the section this year has been a review of the section's activities, undertaken through the agency of a series of Advisory Committees on Adult Education Section Activities. The committees were asked to make recommendations to the officers as to appropriate programs which the Section might undertake in the future to further adult education in public libraries. Twenty-seven such committees were asked to consider a number of questions, aimed at defining the role of the Section. Recommendations forwarded by the time of the Detroit Conference are to be considered at the Section's meeting. It is hoped that further discussion can continue during the coming year.

The Liaison Committee to the Library-Community Project (created by vote of the Section at the 1956 meeting) reported to the Section, urging as a major undertaking the building of a "core" demonstration project, sponsored by some continuing body, which would provide a statewide series of practical workshops on a regular circuit basis. Members of the committee for the current year included the following persons: Henry Engle (Dist. VII), Dorothy Fell (Dist. V), Leonora Hass (Dist. VI), Hazel Hayes (Dist. IV), Claxton Helms (Dist. I), Clare Sergeant (Dist. II), and Patrick Penland (Dist. III), *Chairman*.

Wallace Bok, *Chairman*

Free afternoon for shopping and touring

CATALOG

The Michigan Regional Group of Catalogers has the following officers for the year 1956-57:

Mrs. Helen H. Finster, President—Grosse Pointe Public Library
 Dr. Russell Bidlack, Vice-President—University of Michigan
 Johanna Kananen, Secretary-Treasurer—McGregor Library, Highland Park
 Phoebe Lumaree, Board Member—Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo
 Mildred Gingherick, Board Member—Central Michigan College, Mt. Pleasant
 Mabel Grannis, Board Member—Michigan State Library, Lansing.

Following the practice of the last few years the Group had their Spring meeting in conjunction with the Reference and College Sections. This was held at the Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo with an attendance of approximately seventy for the afternoon meeting when "Co-operative Cataloging—a Further Consideration" was the topic for a discussion by Miss Mary Jo Trolinger, Wayne County, Miss Eleanor Butterfield, Dearborn, Mr. Leo T. Dinnan, Oak Park, Mr. Robert D. Franklin, Toledo, Ohio and Mrs. Fannie Noonan, Michigan State Library.

The Fall Meeting is to be the first General Session of the Michigan Library Association at the Detroit-Leland Hotel in Detroit on October 23rd. Mr. Robert M. Orr, Director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, will talk to the group and the subject will be "An Administrator Considers Streamlining Cataloging." There will be a luncheon meeting preceding this General Session and this will include a short business meeting for the purpose of election of officers. The Nominating Committee for the 1957-58 slate of officers is Miss Adele D. Ewell, Chairman, Miss Frances Gardner and Miss Eileen A. Simpson.

(Mrs.) Helen H. Finster, *Chairman*

COLLEGE

The College Section met with the Reference and Catalog Sections at Western Michigan University, May 15, 1957. The meetings were held in Walwood Union and began with registration and a coffee hour.

The luncheon, held in the Union Ballroom, was presided over by Sister M. Claudia, president of the College Section. The speaker was Miss Katharine M. Stokes, librarian of Western Michigan University Library, who spoke on the subject, "Planning the Western Michigan University Library".

Following the luncheon two meetings were held. The Reference Section heard Dr. Ian C. Ross, Assistant to the Director of the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan, speak on the subject: "The Institute for Social Research: its Work and Publications". The Catalog Section met for a panel discussion on "Co-operative Cataloging—a Further Consideration". This panel discussed the existing Wayne County system in detail.

Members of the College Section attended the afternoon meeting of their choice.

The Fall meeting has been planned for October 25 and will be a meeting featuring a symposium on book selection and acquisition. Speakers will include Rolland C. Stewart who will discuss the University of Michigan undergraduate library; James E. Skipper who will discuss the continuing program of book selection and acquisition and Frank L. Schick who will discuss the acquisition of books from abroad.

The nominating committee consists of Gerald McCabe, chairman, Wallace J. Bonk and Frank L. Schick.

Mrs. Goldie T. Nott, *Secretary*

COUNTY AND REGIONAL

During its first year under this new name, the section had one meeting and one workshop. In addition, the Section Finance Committee met in Mason on January 25 to lay plans for the Spring Meeting held in Flint on March 1.

At the May 24 Workshop held in Mason it was recommended that a committee be appointed to study state library legislation involving county and regional libraries, as well as possible changes in existing laws and revision of the State Constitution. This Committee has been appointed.

Norman J. Bunker, *Chairman*

It's Conference Time

HOSPITAL

The Hospital Section of M.L.A. took a spring excursion to the Veterans Hospital, Ann Arbor on April 12. Mrs. Freda Wood, Chief Librarian, was the hostess and an excellent luncheon was served in the staff dining-room at 1:00 P.M. Twenty-four passengers enjoyed the trip. At no extra charge there was a fine side trip to the University of Michigan Medical Library with Dr. David Kronick, Medical Librarian as guide.

On Friday, October 25 we will have

a luncheon meeting at the Detroit-Leland Hotel. The featured speaker will be Dr. Albert A. Canfield, Associate Professor of Management, Wayne State University. Dr. Canfield received his Ph.D. in Psychology, University of Southern California, taught at Northwestern University and has been at Wayne State for the past five years. His subject will be HUMAN RELATIONS FOR A HOSPITAL LIBRARIAN. The Fall meeting will include a short business session with election of officers.

Linda V. Ganley, Chairman

REFERENCE

The spring meeting of the Reference Section was held at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, May 15, 1957. Following a coffee hour, the Reference, College, and Catalog sections had their combined luncheon meeting at Walwood Union Ballroom. Miss Katharine M. Stokes, Librarian, W.M.U., as guest speaker, related the many facets, thrills and pitfalls of planning a new college library building.

After the luncheon, the Reference Section had its meeting with Dr. Ian C. Ross, Assistant to the Director, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. Dr. Ross described the organization and scope of the Institute. His enthusiasm for his work was readily reflected in his manner of relating the wide range of surveys conducted by the Institute. Concerned principally in the fields of social psychology, economics and political attitudes and behavior, Dr. Ross gave many examples of how, by whom and why the surveys were conducted. As librarians, it was refreshing to hear how questions are asked and the answers interpreted.

For the annual fall conference, a symposium is planned to discuss the trends in reference work and use of various types of tools. The two principal speakers will represent special libraries in the field of industry and labor. Discussion members represent the public and university libraries.

Helen Sisson, *Chairman*

SCHOOL AND CHILDREN

Spring Institute, the first meeting of the year, was held at Kellogg Center in East Lansing on April 12th and 13th with the program featuring story-telling, poetry, and public relations. A committee of mothers sponsored by the Jackson Public Library presented the organization of a cooperative pre-school story hour. GIVE TONGUE TO LITERATURE, a talk by Mrs. Eulalie Steinmetz Ross of the Cincinnati Public Library, inspired everyone to start a story hour immediately. Dr. Moiree Compere, of Michigan State University faculty, gave a delightful address on poetry emphasizing the value of this literary form in the story hour. Section members rounded out the program with a talk on TV story-telling and panels which discussed public relations and series books.

The Fall Institute will be held at St. Mary's Lake on September 20th and 21st. Professor Marie Hostetter, of the University of Illinois, and Dr. Charles Norford, of Michigan State University, will be the guest speakers. Book reviews and a demonstration of audio-visual materials are also scheduled on a program which promises to be stimulating.

Center State Institute will continue as a one day workshop. It will be held in the High School Library at Rose City on September 28th.

Procedure manuals have been completed for each of the Institutes sponsored by the Section. In addition to step-by-step directions for the chairman, the handbooks contain pertinent material relating to earlier conferences. Manuals are also in preparation for each of the standing committees.

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Following the policy established last year, the Book List has continued as a section of the QUARTERLY issued by the State Library. Emphasis is on subject materials and excellent lists have been prepared on Indians, community helpers, and the ships and achievements of the United States Navy.

Miss Margery Baer, Roosevelt High School, Wyandotte, will be on hand at the MLA Conference with the packets of Newbery and Caldecott Award facsimiles. Bring your dollar and share in this fund raising project for the Melcher Scholarship. Have you considered selling the individual seals to the children for their personal copies of Award titles? Let's have a good report on this worth while project.

The annual luncheon for the Section will be held on Friday, October 25th, at 12:15 in the Detroit Leland Hotel. The speaker will be Mr. Daniel Moreau Barringer, author of *AND THE WATERS PREVAILED*. This is one of the outstanding titles published last year.

A breakfast followed by the annual business meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning, October 26th. The constitutional amendments recommended at the last business meeting will be voted on at this time.

Laura B. Long, *Chairman*

TRUSTEE

"Growth and Change—The Challenge" which was chosen by the MLA Council as the theme for 1957 is far reaching and has been a most interesting one. Your chairman chose "Progress" as the keyword for her two years tenure in office.

On December 7th, 1956, the MLA Council, of which the Trustee Section Executive Board is a member, met in East Lansing to plan the work for the year ahead.

During the noon recess, the Trustee Executive Board held a brief business meeting. Attention was called to the revision of the Trustee Section By-Laws, Section IV pertaining to a delegate to the State Assembly of Library Trustees ALA. A list of trustees compiled according to districts was given to the district chairmen who were present. Absentees received a list by mail.

The recommendations which the Section Executive Board submitted to MLA on June 7th, 1956 for consideration, were approved by them. More time was allotted trustees at district meetings and two trustees were appointed to act on the MLA membership committee.

Our membership is gradually climbing, due to the fine cooperation of the MLA membership committee, the district trustee chairmen and the Section officers. To date, we have 389 trustee members in MLA.

An institute on planning district meetings was held in the Union Building, East Lansing, on December 8th, 1956. Your chairman attended this meeting. Certain basic principles of program planning were outlined. It was agreed that each district planning committee should face its own problems of defining and pointing out "Growth and Change" within its own district. Your chairman is convinced that this planning institute has been of real value and helpfulness.

Following the custom of recent years, in March 1957, approximately 1800 trustees received a letter from the Trustee Section chairman. Information on future activities was outlined, important dates were listed, and an invitation was extended for membership in MLA.

Your chairman has made many contacts with fellow trustees and librarians during the year. She attended all seven district meetings, which convened during April and May. She was privileged to attend the ALA Conference, June 23 to 29, 1957 as Trustee Section Delegate to the American Assembly of Library Trustees ALA, which was held in Kansas City, Missouri.

On June 11th, 1957, the Executive Board meeting, which follows the district meetings, was held in Lansing. Mrs. Fannie S. Noonan, Director of State Aid to Libraries, who was present at the meeting, called attention to the request of the MLA Citation Committee regarding the annual ALA citation of two trustees for distinguished service.

Three Area meetings have been held this year. Two very successful meetings were held in Van Buren County, District No. 1, and one outstanding meeting was held in District No. 6. Another Area meeting is scheduled for District No. 1.

Two Story-telling Festivals

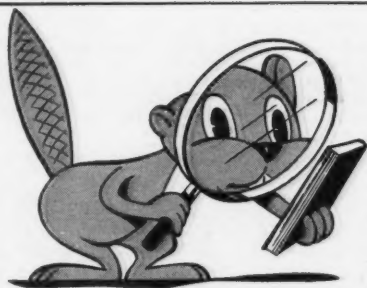
The editor of the *Michigan Librarian* has given us assurance of space in the magazine the ensuing year for "The Trustees Corner". The trustees are to be commended on the fine articles which they have written. This is an excellent way to keep the trustees informed. Let us keep up the good work.

Plans are well under way for the MLA Annual Conference which will be held in Detroit at the Detroit-Leland Hotel, October 23rd to 26th, 1957. "Trustees Day" will be on October 25th. Executive Board meeting in the morning, a luncheon, followed by the Annual meeting, with election of officers, and a program is being planned. Every trustee is invited to attend. Begin to make your plans now.

Your chairman appreciates the co-operative assistance she has received from the "Official Family" of the Michigan State Library. Without their thoughtfulness she could not have visited all of the districts. She is most grateful to her Executive Board, to all committees, and to every one who has given her such hearty support during her two years as chairman of the Trustees Section, MLA.

See you in Detroit on October 25, 1957.

Mrs. Chester I. Hoffman, *Chairman*



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Leland Stowe, banquet speaker

Highlights on Public Library Service

(A Guide to Evaluation with Minimum Standards)

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Library Service Begins at Home. Every American should have library service in his own community. His local outlet, whether a town library, a city or county branch, or a bookmobile, should provide the materials he needs regularly and should give him face-to-face service. And more: It should link him to resources he may need which are beyond immediate reach.

But it Doesn't Stop There. A central library should provide the comprehensive collection, the special materials and specialized services that most readers at some time require.

It Multiplies Itself. The central library and the community libraries in a natural district should band together, informally or formally, in a coordinated system of library service.

Gains Momentum . . . Every state should maintain at the state level a program which guides and reinforces the separate libraries and library systems throughout the state.

And It's Supported Above and Below. The public library should be an integral part of general local government and be under the control of capable and interested officials.

The federal government should supplement and coordinate the library facilities of the states.

A Library is Service to People. The public library should deliberately study its community. It should be an active part of all community activities and it should aim its service at the specific needs and special characteristics of its community.

Service Has Many Faces. Library service should meet the informational, reference and research, and recreational needs of its locality. It should provide for the home use of various materials and should guide individuals in their use.

It should provide service to groups and institutions; it may sponsor group activities.

And a Fourth Dimension. Community libraries should be open some part of five days a week at times selected for maximum potential use. Bookmo-

biles should maintain regular schedules of at least one visit every two weeks. Central libraries should provide all their services daily during morning, afternoon, and evening hours, with Sunday service adjusted to local conditions.

A System Is One. The resources of each library in a system should be readily available to all units; and the system should provide for the free flow of materials among units and for loans from outside the system.

But It Is Not Alone. In each state there should be a resource center to handle specialized and exacting requests which arise within systems. The overall state program should make use of all existing resources including those of special, research, college, and university libraries.

Books Are To Use And So Are Non-Book Materials. Books, pamphlets, slides, films, recordings, magazines, documents, maps, music scores, microfilm and microprint should all be part of the collection of a library system.

Collections Are Built Not Born. Every library should have a written statement of policy covering the selection and maintenance of its collection. Collections should be developed toward specified aims; materials should be added because they serve agreed purposes, meet quality standards, and are of interest to local readers and local organizations.

They Must Serve For Many. Both the community as a whole and the many viewpoints within it should be reflected in the collection; it should serve particularly the interests of special age and occupational groups. It should contain opposing views on controversial topics of public interest.

But No One Individual Or Group. Collections should not be influenced by special-interest groups to the detriment of other such groups or the community as a whole.

Library systems should have resources in sufficient duplication to meet most requests when made.

Something of interest for everyone

Organization Equals Utility. Library materials should be logically organized with regard to their physical form and proposed use, and in line with the particular needs of the individual library or library system.

Cooperation or centralization in organizing materials should be sought wherever possible.

Each library should at least provide: a finding list of its holdings, a card catalog designed to serve its reference and reader guidance needs, a system or orderly location of materials, and a system for identifying each item.

Plus Integration. There should be the closest cooperation between staff members responsible for processing work, those dealing with the public, and the administrative officers of the library.

Library Service Is A Career. Library positions should be planned to attract and hold the highest caliber of personnel.

State governments should establish certification regulations covering professional positions in public libraries.

A Staff Has Size And Shape. In number and kind the staff of a library system should be sufficient to provide consistently efficient service. In each system there should be at least one professional staff member for each of the following: administration, technical services, information and advisory service for adults, for young adults, for children, and extension services.

Good Staffs Don't Just Grow. The library should observe recognized personnel administration practices, with special regard to active recruitment, appointment and promotion on the basis of merit, inservice training, and the maintenance of a position classification and pay plan.

A Library Is A Library. Library buildings should be planned to fit the library's program of service. In structure they should be efficient, flexible, and expandable.

It Is Also An Invitation. The library building should be oriented to the public. It should be attractive, easy to use, and comfortable.

Within Reach of All. Community libraries and bookmobile stops should be located so that every older child and adult is able to reach a library outlet alone.

The central building should be located

conveniently both for nearby residents and for persons in outlying districts.

How Much Is Enough? The following quantitative standards for a library system relate to minimum adequacy of public library service. They are intended only as statistical illustrations not concrete measures.

Book and Non-Book Materials For Systems Serving Up To 100,000 People. 100,000 volumes currently useful printed material.

4,000—5,000 titles added annually, including 400—500 children's titles and 250 adult titles for young adults.

1 volume added annually per 5 persons. 300—400 periodical titles currently received. 250 films, with 25 added annually. 1,500 long-playing records, exclusive of duplicates, with 300 added annually.

Personnel. At least one full time staff member (exclusive of maintenance and bindery) for each 2,500 population. Professional staff should comprise approximately 40% of total personnel.

Finance. The approximate per capita cost to achieve minimum library service in a typical system serving 100,000 people in 1956 was estimated to be \$3.00. For systems serving fewer people the per capita cost would be higher.

Division of Budget:

Salaries

(other than maintenance)66%

Books and related materials

(including rebinding)20%

Maintenance, supplies,

equipment, other expenses14%

(Note: Sample budgets for library systems serving four different sets of conditions are included as a supplement to *Public Library Service*.)

It All Adds Up To This. Libraries are urged to band together, by legal affiliation or through joint action without legal change, to form systems of library service. For only by working together, sharing services, and materials, can libraries meet the full needs of all readers. Only through cooperation can the small library expect to expand its resources while maintaining its autonomy.

The Cooperative Approach. This cooperative approach on the part of libraries is the most important single recommendation toward the achievement of national standards of library service.

Elizabeth Howard Mizner, Conference luncheon speaker

Muster . . .

C.L.A.: fall meeting of the Michigan Unit will be held on October 27, 2 P.M. at Marygrove College, Detroit.

R. L. RICHARDSON: associate librarian, Flint Public Library, named director of Flint Libraries.

WILLIAM WEBB: director of Flint Libraries, named director emeritus of the library system and consultant to the superintendent of schools on library procedures.

ELIZABETH FARRAR: assistant director, Dow Memorial Library, Midland leaves to take position at Millburn, New Jersey.

HAROLD JOHNSTON: chief librarian, Owosso Public Library appointed Chief of the Reference Department, Flint Public Library.

NANCY VAN STRIEN: Kent County Library, received the H. W. Wilson Award for further study through the librarianship department at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. Grace Bailey of Stockbridge received the Grolier Foundation grant for further study in her junior and senior years at Western Michigan. She plans to become a school librarian.

ELEANOR FERGUSON: former director of Dearborn Public Library and member of M.L.A. Executive Board has been appointed Executive Secretary of the Public Libraries Division of the American Library Association.

PROMOTED: Detroit Public Library's Mrs. Jewell Mansfield to Branch Librarian, D.P.L.'s Franklin Branch; Eugene Larson, to First Assistant, Chandler Park Branch; John Oliver, to First Assistant, Conely Branch.

APPOINTMENTS: University of Detroit Library; Guido Palandri and Mrs. Kate Reich, asst. catalogers, Flint Public Library; Elizabeth Pieters, Hospital Librarian.

CORA LINDOW: Art Librarian, Michigan State Library, retired after 37 years of devoted service.

How True

Dear Mrs. Tintera:

I have received a letter from Carol Thomas, Chairman of the Legislative Committee to send letters of thanks to all state representatives and senators, who helped us with our state aid, and were instrumental in defeating the annual effort to take the penal fines away from us.

I believe that in addition to such letters of thanks, all of us owe a great debt of gratitude to Carol and her committee members, and others who have worked tirelessly in carrying our cause to our legislature and making valiant efforts to carry out the task, which took much time, energy, imagination and devotion. Let us not take this for granted. They received no compensation for their work. Let us all say to Carol Thomas and members of her committee: Thank you for your good work, and more power to you!

Yours sincerely,
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Of Interest . . .

TO A L A MEMBERS: Be sure to check ballot in the September A L A Bulletin as to where A L A Headquarters should be located! Vote and mail by October 15.

NEW PUBLICATIONS by M.L.A. members: *Michigan's First Bookstore* by Wallace J. Bonk, Dept. of Library Science, U. of Michigan is a study of the books sold in the Detroit Book Store, 1817-1828. *The American Book in Mexico* by Rudolph Gjelsness, also U. of M. Library Science Dept. is a bibliography of books by authors of the United States published in Mexico, 1952-55.

FLORA B. ROBERTS Library Memorial Fund: being established under the sponsorship of the Kalamazoo Public Library. Some permanent and appropriate memorial will be incorporated in the new building which is now in the planning stage and scheduled for completion September 1959. Contributions may be sent to the Fund in care of the Library.

DO YOU KNOW: of the location of letters by or to James Madison or his wife, especially letters in private possession or among uncalendared manuscripts in the collections of public or private institutions? The University of Chicago and the University of Virginia are sponsoring the publication of a new and complete edition of the papers of James Madison. All help would be most appreciated. Please address The Papers of James Madison, 1126 East 59th Street, Chicago 37.

NEW BOOK LIST: featuring Michigan biographies: *But Men Are More Interesting Than Rivers*, is free from the Michigan State Library.

FREE INFORMATION: about the submarine can be obtained from The Submarine Library, Groton, Conn.

AVAILABLE: reading list designed especially to help the small library with its book selection problems in the gardening field. For copies write Michigan Horticultural Society, Room 206, Old City Hall, 715 Woodward Avenue, Detroit 26, enclosing a stamped, self addressed envelope.

It's Conference Time

NEWS AND VIEWS

Trustees' Corner

The Trustee and Library Legislation

What part can members of the trustees section of MLA take in promoting our library legislative program? First, trustees are chosen because they are interested in good libraries. Generally they are well known in the community and have a reputation for integrity.

Since trustees are seldom paid anything for their services, they have no "axe to grind". A librarian can always be accused of empire building, but the trustee is above that disagreeable designation. Thus, the trustee's community influence can help a great deal in putting over the library program.

You can help all the libraries in the state by helping your own. Here is how:

1. Know thoroughly the program of your own library. Always be able to explain "what all that money is for". Defend your annual budget requests.

2. Ask your librarian to explain the year's program of Michigan State Library and the MLA. Be sure to find out details of special programs that may help libraries in your area.

On the state level, be sure to take action—write, or wire, your legislator—if a crisis occurs over library legislation. Better yet, be sure to talk to your local legislators when they are home. Pick a quiet time when they are free to listen and discuss things with you.

Try to enlist the aid of your neighbors and friends. As library trustees, you have standing in your community and can explain to them what your library is trying to do.

Be proud of yourself as a trustee and take an active part in its program. You'll be glad you did when you see the benefits conferred upon people by the services of a good library.

Carol Thomas
Legislative Chairman

Highlights of the American Association of Library Trustees Workshop, Kansas City, Missouri, June 23, 24, 1957

The American Library Association of Library Trustees held a pre-conference workshop on Sunday, June 23. The theme "Opportunities Unlimited" which had been previously chosen, was the nucleus of all discussions. The workshop involved trustees, interested librarians, "Friends of Libraries" and Jaycees. It was in the form of a round table discussion with ten topics to consider. Each person chose two topics from the following—library service, financial support, use of citizens to promote library legislation, staff-trustee relationship, publicity, how to get good appointments to the Board of Trustees, Operation Library, how to work with the Library Service Act, how to work with the new revised standards, and the library's educational function. The topics were so important it was difficult to eliminate any of them.

The objective of the workshop was to develop understanding of library service, and to provide an opportunity to obtain information on specific problems in the development of service to the community.

During the afternoon session, a panel of experts, under the leadership of Arthur H. Parsons Jr., chairman of PLD Operation Library, clarified many questions. About 400 persons attended the workshop.

Mr. Homer C. Wadsworth, Executive Director of Kansas City Association of Trusts and Foundations, and a trustee of Kansas City Library, gave us a fine talk prior to the workshop. He chose as his subject "Libraries on the March". He called upon the trustees and others in the audience to fully appreciate the emerging function and help libraries extend the creative use of their materials to meet the changing needs of people.

Mr. Kenneth Mac Farland, Education Director of General Motors Corporation, who was the speaker of the evening pointed to the public library as one of the few institutions that is able to turn this increase in off work hours into something beneficial to the nation.

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He commented, that in his opinion, not too far in the future, every public library will be a part of a coordinated system of libraries.

Monday forenoon AALT official delegates from 23 states met for a business session. This was its first organized meeting. The following suggestions were decided as worthy ones to take home to our local Boards. 1—Study the New Standards more thoroughly, 2—Study and discuss local problems with your Board, 3—Plan Area meetings in every district, 4—Find ways to attract more people to your library, 5—Have at least one ALA member on your local Board of Trustees.

The delegates left the meeting with the determination to strengthen the lines of communication into the various state trustee organizations. The National officers will work with each state organization throughout the coming year, with a view to obtaining representation from all 48 states in 1958.

The AALT president for 1957-1958 is Mrs. Merlin M. Moore, Little Rock, Ark., secretary is Mrs. Samuel Berg, Munster, Ind.

"Friend of Libraries" Committee was in charge of a very fine program at the Thursday luncheon. Harold J. Baily, Councilor-at-Law, New York City, addressed us on the topic "A Friend Indeed". He believes very strongly that every community should have a Friends of the Library group. He defined "Friends" as a group of citizens who are friends of the library, who believe in it and who believe in its services. "Friends" aid in the developing of public understanding of the library to the community.

Mr. Baily compared the library to a chariot with four fine horses to pull it—the librarian, the trustees, the public and the "Friends". One trustee cannot do everything, but he can do something for his library; so can the other three horses. In conclusion he stated that there is nothing more friendly than a friend in need, and often a friend is never known until a need arises—therefore friends of the library are needed.

A library is such a thrilling reality. Libraries are faced with a challenge greater than ever before, which means that every library must broaden in leadership. Shall we all pull together? Our Opportunities are Unlimited.

Mrs. Chester I. Hoffman
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ALA Organization

Clover M. Flanders

As a part of the plan to emphasize the increasingly important part the Chapters are expected to take in the national library picture our Councilor will be making a report of each ALA Council meeting. Since Mrs. Yabroff was not able to attend the last meeting, held in Kansas City, it has been suggested that a short report of the Organization and how Michigan fits into the picture might be in order. The similarity between our organization and that of ALA has been pointed out. This is a part of a report given at the Summer Education Conference held at the University of Michigan, in July, 1957.

Back in October, 1876, several outstanding librarians got together 103 like-minded folk and formed the American Library Association. The history of that Association parallels the unique development of libraries in America. In 1957, the Association numbers some 20,000 members, representing librarians, trustees, and Friends of Libraries in the United States and its possessions, Canada and some 50 Foreign countries.

As the membership grew and as libraries increased their sphere of influence the organization grew too and became more complex. The Association has had several committees studying its activities and finally in 1955 a firm of management engineers surveyed the set up and recommended some streamlining. Since, at the recent 76th Annual Conference we were still organizing and reorganizing, this report will not be the final word and is no more than a birdseye view of the organization.

The governing body of the Association is the Council. Ninety-six councilors are elected at large by the membership, 24 each year for 4 year terms. The Presidents of Divisions are automatically members of Council during their terms of office. Chapters elect one Councilor each for a four-year term. It brings the total of voting members to around 180 and there are in addition some nonvoting members who attend council meetings. Since Council determines the policies of the Association the job of keeping this fairly large group of people informed about matters before the Council is a major one.

The Association has the usual complement of elected officers: a president, a vice-president who is President-elect, a second vice-president and a treasurer. These officers along with the immediate past President and 8 members elected on nomination by Council from among its members serve as the Executive Board. The Executive Secretary, a full time employee of the Association, is a member without vote of this Board. The Board acts for the Council in interpreting and administering the policies and programs established by the Council. It serves as the central management Board of the ALA, including the headquarters activities. The Board reports to Council and makes recommendations on policy and operations.

So much then for the central organization operating out of the Chicago Headquarters. What about the general membership? Individuals join divisions of which there are now 12. These are type-of-library Divisions (College and Research, School, Public are examples) or type-of-activity Divisions (Resources and Technical Services, Reference, Work with children.) Personal membership dues are based on salary and presently entitle membership in one of each type of Division. For an additional fee membership in additional Divisions may be had. Divisions have committees and sections so that there is ample opportunity to meet with people doing similar work and to exchange ideas. Divisions are allotted basic funds by the Executive Board and additional allotments may be obtained upon recommendation of the Committee on Program Evaluation and Budget, popularly known as Pebco. Membership in the Association brings the ALA Bulletin and a number of Divisions have publications as well. The Association itself has an extensive publications program.

There are many points of similarity between ALA and the Michigan Library Association. Our State Association has 1600 members, an executive board made up of the elected officers, and a council. Our Executive Board is the policy making unit and the central management agency. We also have an Executive Secretary, but our finances

Leland Stowe, banquet speaker

will only allow a part time person in this position. The membership may join 8 sections by type of interest—college, cataloging, school and children's, to name a few. And we have a geographical setup in our 7 Districts. Both sections and districts have officers and carry on active programs. These officers together with the chairmen of committees and the Executive Board form the Council which is the advisory group that helps to plan a coordinated year's program. Here again the membership dues are based on salary and the money is used for section and committee programs, for our active State legislative program, and to finance our quarterly publication, the *Michigan Librarian*. The Michigan Library Association is a chapter of the ALA and elects a councilor for this important policy making unit.

Now this may sound dry as dust, but when you consider that the ALA is affiliated with a good many national and international organizations all working for the cause of education and when you consider further there is in this complicated national and state machinery a place for an individual member to find his niche, to work with his colleagues in improving library service everywhere,

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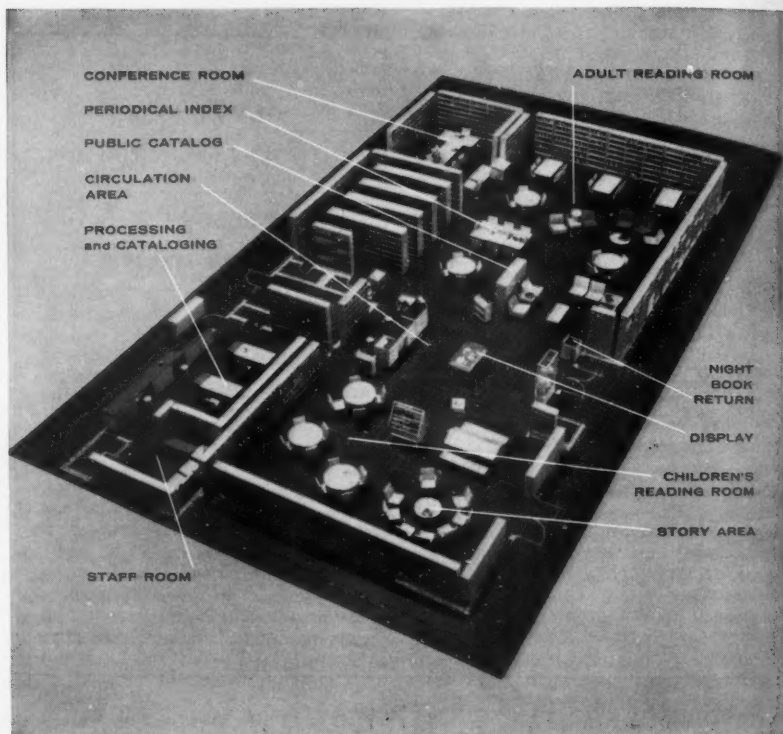


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Eulalie Steinmetz Ross

(Talk given at School and Children's Spring Institute)

I am glad that the title of my offering here today is printed on the program. Twice in recent weeks I have had rather startling experiences with titles. One was with a PTA group. I was to speak—I thought—on children's books and adult books written by the same present day authors: Thurber, Bemelmans, McGinley, E. B. White, etc. You will appreciate what my reaction was when I heard the program chairman blithely announce the title of my talk as, "Johnny Does Read". I did some fast mental gymnastics: "Yes," I said, "Johnny *does* read, but he will read even more if you and he visit the library together and take out books. You might even find yourselves with books by the same authors—adult and and juvenile" and went on my merry way as I had planned.

The second near-catastrophe occurred at one of our colleges for women. I was prepared to speak to an English class on storytelling as I had been asked. When the sister sweetly gave my talk the title of "What Children Read and Why" I am afraid I said a few things stronger than a Hail Mary.

So I rejoice today to have the title of my talk down on paper where no one can cross me up. It is a cribbed title, of course, taken shamelessly from a remark Frederic Melcher made after listening to the stories of one day's telling at the Storytelling Festival at the Miami Beach A.L.A. Mrs. Sayers used the phrase in the moving remarks she made to bring the Festival to a close: I am following her excellent example in repeating Mr. Melcher's words for they are worth remembering.

We do give tongue to literature in all aspects of library work with children: the book talk, the storyhour, the picture-book hour, the exhibit, the floor work—we do everything in our power to make books meaningful and exciting to boys and girls.

Of all the arts we use the art of storytelling is at once the most demanding of and the most rewarding to storyteller, story listener and the library or school which shelters them both.

Of the storyteller, the art of storytelling demands first of all hours of reading to select a good story to tell. Reading that must not be satisfied until a story is found that has meaning for the reader for only when a story means something to her can she lift it from the printed page, pour the breath of life into it, and make it come alive and be meaningful to her listeners. Reading that must be done slowly if the reader is to catch the full flavor of the words, savor the delicate meaning between the lines. This is particularly true of the folk tales, those strong stories of plot; where characters act, not are; where nouns name and verbs do, and there are few other parts of speech either used or needed; where every story, no matter how deceptively simple, has a moral truth as the kernel of its existence and longevity.

The Picture Method

The creative story offers its challenge for interpretation, too, for in telling it a story *and* an author are being given to the listeners. The mood and the spirit of the storyteller must be in sympathy with the mood and the spirit of the story she is giving tongue to: the nonsense of Kipling, the compassion of Andersen, the humor of Sandburg's American imagery, the grace of Eleanor Farjeon's fairy tales. The storyteller must read and read and read these authors until she finds the story that she knows is right for her to tell.

The learning of the story makes its demands on the storyteller also for she must know it "by heart" if she is to be freed of the restriction of words when she tells it. It is not the words she must know "by heart" but the action, the characters, the setting, the props—the whole little drama must be so familiar to her and so completely understood by her that when she gives tongue to the story it sounds as if it "came from herself". Most storytellers use a kind of picture method in learning their stories; they see each scene, each bit of action in their own mind's eye—in cinema-scope and technicolor. Curiously enough this method of learning seems to transfer itself to the listener in the telling for children have often told me that they "saw pictures" when I told—and I use the picture method of learning.

In telling folk tales the exact words of the story need not be followed rigidly, but the spirit of the story should never be violated by a carelessly substituted word. Creative stories, of course,

Elizabeth Howard Mizner, Conference luncheon speaker

are told in the words of the author who wrote them. Once a storyteller has caught the style of such a writer, is in tune with his pen as it were, the learning of his story will not be difficult. The words, the rhythms, the cadenced lines will be so right as they were written that if a storyteller deviates she will quickly know her error.

In telling a story, the storyteller is the middle man, the tool, and as such is absolutely unimportant as an individual. She is the instrument only to pick up a story from a printed page and give it vivid life again for the listeners before her. Woe to the storyteller whose own personality gets between the story and the listener. The two greatest attributes a storyteller can have are simplicity and sincerity. She must keep her mind and her heart on her story and she must tell it so it will mean to the listeners what it does to her. After a storyteller has told for a time she will unconsciously learn the "three p's" of the storytelling art: pause, pitch and pace but in the beginning storytelling only demands of her a simple presentation done with absolute sincerity.

The Listener

Storytelling, as I said in the beginning, makes demands of the listeners also. The most obvious is simply that they listen — with ears and mind and heart. Physical comfort is a prime requisite to achieve this with either children or adults: a cool room, some ventilation, wraps removed, hands empty of burdens, shaded glare from windows, an unobstructed view of the storyteller — these are all important and if properly attended to will make the difference between a restless group of people and a quiet group of listeners. Children must also realize that whatever their feelings are, once the story starts, they must sit quietly and listen so as not to disturb the pleasure of the group. This demands a great deal of boys and girls but they can respond to it successfully.

It is easy enough to make children comfortable, but to prepare their hearts to listen takes more than just opening a window or adjusting a shade. A time of ceremony before the storyhours will help; so will an orderly procession to the storyhour room or corner; and then, just before the storyteller begins, a moment of magic will gather the group together in mood and spirit. The lighting of a wishing candle is one of the

most effective, with the storyteller and the children watching the candle flame until it burns high, and when it does the storyteller will find she is ready to tell and the children will be ready to listen to her.

If storytellers are to give tongue to literature in schools and libraries those institutions must support their programs. They should recognize that storytellers need time to search for material and to learn their stories once found; this is as legitimate a part of their work as putting up exhibits or giving book talks or just walking the floor during the after-school rushes. Since it is part of a children's librarian's job she should be given time to do it when she is on the job and not when she is at home. A quiet room should be provided for the storyhour and if the room has to be shared with garden clubs and mother's training groups the paraphernalia of these organizations should be cleared out on storyhour day. The room should look as attractive as possible if it is to help the storyteller to create for the children a brief hour of beauty.

Story Hours and Publicity

Storyhours make wonderful public relations material and photographers are quite fond of them. However, if shots are to be taken of a storyhour group let it be a group set up for that particular purpose with the children knowing what is going on and the storyteller not breaking her heart trying to hold a group while cameramen prowl around shouting directions and popping flash lights in her face and the faces of the children. If libraries or schools do wish to exploit the storyhour for publicity purposes, well and good; but let them use moderation and never, never turn a cameraman loose in a real storyhour. Some of the most successful library pictures I ever saw were made at "set-up" storyhours with children, storyteller and cameraman having a fine time together. Some of the unhappiest experiences of my career as a storyteller have been when cameramen have insisted on taking pictures while I was telling stories. They even went so far as to call out directions to the children while I was telling and still expected me to continue and, even more, hold the children's interest to give them the expressions they wanted.

Within reason, then, the storyhour can be rewarding to an institution by

Free afternoon for shopping and touring

providing it with appealing and natural publicity materials. The summer story-hours in parks and playgrounds provide opportunities for good public relations, too: umbrellas with the library's name shelters a park group, a pony trap — also bearing the library's name — trots around a playground and picks up children for a ride to the storyteller's tree. Most important of all, perhaps, is that adults observe a service that is offered to the children by the library. It is good for libraries and librarians to get out of themselves, as it were, and become a real part of a community. Some of the children to whom stories are told — in the library, the school, or the summer playground — may never become readers but they will all become adults in time. As such they will have voting privileges. Libraries have been known to float bonds, and the crucial "yes" vote may come from just such a person who remembers with pleasure the story listening experiences of his childhood. Is this not good public relations?

Story Hours are Rewarding

The storyteller will find that giving tongue to literature will have its rewards for her, too. In searching for material to tell she will refresh and broaden and deepen her knowledge of the books she works with. She will discover in telling stories that she has a hidden talent she never suspected before, a creative talent that offers release and growth to her own spirit. She will find that in telling stories to children she will establish an immediate rapport with them for all people — adults as well as children — have liked to listen to stories almost since the world began. And the storyteller will also discover that each and every time she tells a story it will propose a challenge to her — a challenge to make it live again for the children — and in meeting that challenge she will find her greatest satisfaction as a storyteller, a librarian and a person.

And the children? What do they get from a storyhour? What are their rewards? First of all they are the recipients of a dramatic and compelling invitation to read. They have the opportunity of hearing the spoken word in all the integrity of its beauty and strength and wonder. They take from stories the stuff that spirits grow on — revelations of truth, incitements to

laughter, the stirrings of pity. They find in stories the stuff that dreams are made of, the stuff that makes buoyant and elastic the youthful imagination, that stuff that stirs the young heroic heart.

Yet the greatest reward for the children at a storyhour is to have an adult give of her time and her talents and herself to them. There is no substitute for the human personality as a teaching force and in storytelling the librarian or the teacher gives to the children, through an ancient art, her most precious possession — her own spirit.

CONFERENCE STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

A Festival of folk tales from many lands will usurp the cocktail hour of two of the days of the annual convention of the Michigan Library Association at the Leland Hotel in Detroit. On Wednesday, October 23 and Friday, October 25, those who come to the Colonial Room of the Detroit-Leland between 4:00 and 5:15 P.M. will be served samplings of the storyteller's art, drawn from the folklores of a variety of countries and told by tellers known and unknown from here and there in Michigan. The offerings will be different at each session.

These draughts of folk-culture and wisdom and humor from around the world will offer inspiration to potential tellers in the audience (and who is not a potential teller?) to try this mild but lasting form of intoxication on the children of their libraries and homes.

The stories also will offer a toast to the United States Nations during its week of honor, October 20-26, 1957. Folklore, with its national variations of color and texture and flavor and its international body of shared truth, fancy and aspiration, can appropriately be offered as a gesture of wellwishing to this great organization which is carrying on currently its crucial experiment in human togetherness.

The MLA officers and the Storytelling Festival committee hope that those hearing these stories will go away with both fresh and familiar tastes on their tongues, and with a satisfaction in their minds which they themselves, with the will to explore and to give (and a little boldness!), can multiply at will.

Proposed Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of the Michigan Library Association submits the following proposed amendments for consideration at the annual meeting, October, 1957.

Note: The Constitution and By-Laws are printed in the Michigan Librarian, June, 1956, Vol. 22, No. 2, page 19. They may also be obtained from the executive secretary Mrs. Evelyn Tintera, 5966 North Hagadorn Road, East Lansing, Michigan.

(Matter in CAPS is new; matter in *italic* is old provision to be omitted.)

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 4. Retired Members. Persons who have been permanently retired from active library service may, *on application*, become members of the Association upon payment of the dues provided for in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII. SECTIONS

Sec. 2. Each section shall have *autonomy in and responsibility* for its own affairs and the expenditures of its funds subject to the restrictions imposed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. DUES AND FEES

Sec. 1. Active members. The annual dues for active members shall be as follows, and shall be payable to the Treasurer on the first of January:

(a) LIBRARY EMPLOYEES

Salary Schedule	Dues
\$1,000 and under	\$1.50
1,001 to 2,000	2.50
2,001 to 3,000	3.50
3,001 to 4,000	4.50
4,001 to 5,000	5.50
5,001 to 6,000	6.50
6,001 and over	7.50

(c) RETIRED LIBRARIANS, LAY MEMBERS AND STUDENTS—\$1.50

ARTICLE III. QUORUM

Sec. 2. A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

ARTICLE IV. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS*

Sec. 2. Nominations. The Nominating Committee shall nominate *two* ONE or more candidates for each elective office to be filled at the next election.

The Nominating Committee shall report nominations to the EXECUTIVE Secretary not less than six months prior to the annual meeting. Nominations shall be *published by the Secretary* PRINTED in the June issue of the official organ of the Association OR SENT BY MAIL.

Nominations other than those by the Nominating Committee, signed by not less than ten members of the association OF WHICH NOT MORE THAN THREE SHALL BE FROM ANY ONE DISTRICT, shall be filed with the Secretary not less than three months before the annual meeting and must be accompanied by written consent of the nominee.

ARTICLE IX. OFFICIAL YEARS

Sec. 3. Elective and Appointive Year. The term of office for elective and appointive positions of the Association filled annually shall be the period beginning with the adjournment of the annual meeting and ending with the adjournment of the next succeeding annual meeting, except that the term of office of the Treasurer shall be for two years and coincide with the fiscal years and that the term of office of Councilors¹ to the A.L.A. shall be as provided in the By-Laws of the A.L.A.

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¹Strike out the letter s, since the new ruling of A.L.A. permits only one councilor.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Dunnebacke
Virginia Summers
Helen Warner, Chairman

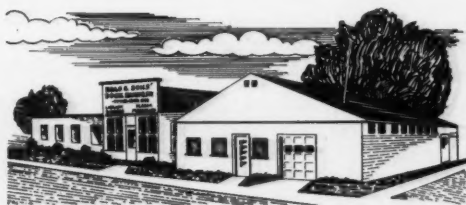
*The Executive Board was divided in its opinion on the advisability of the change recommended by the Committee in Article 4, Section 2, providing for a single slate of officers and expect the membership to consider carefully and be prepared to discuss it at the business meeting on Friday, October 25th.

What Will Be Different at the Conference

1. There will be a free afternoon (Thursday) for shopping and conducted tours. Two tours are planned, one to the General Motors Technical Center and the Hamtramck Public Library, the other to the new shopping center, called Eastland, and the Chandler Park Branch of the Detroit Library. DSR buses will be chartered and the cost per person will be \$1.25.
2. Muriel Fuller has prepared a new type of evaluation form which will be discussed following the Friday evening meeting.
3. A Story-telling Festival will feature folk tales from the United Nations. The doors will be closed when story-telling starts—no one will be admitted after the regular opening time.
4. No reception will be held in connection with the Conference this year; it has been dropped as an experiment and if enough people object to its absence it could be resumed at a later conference.
5. A total of 7 general sessions will be offered, more of them to be chaired and planned by sections than before.
6. The Saturday morning General Session should appeal to librarians in several different types of libraries because the panel discussion subject is "Library Cooperation—Ways, Means and Responsibilities."

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Two Story-telling Festivals

WHO'S WHO at the Conference

Elizabeth Howard Mizner studied to be a school librarian and history teacher, later combined her interests in history and books for young people to write *A Girl of the North Country* and nine other popular titles, under the pen-name "Elizabeth Howard." Her topic for the Conference Luncheon will be "Books for Young Adults—A Challenge."



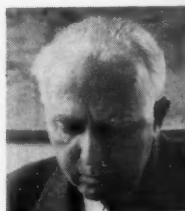
D. Moreau Barringer, speaker at the School and Children's Section Luncheon, is author of the recently published book for young people, *And the Waters Prevailed*, a story of the people who lived during prehistoric times near the end of the Ice Age at what is now Gibraltar. A graduate of Princeton University, Mr. Barringer was a mining engineer and geologist for several years before attaining his present position as head of an investment firm in Philadelphia.

Dr. Paul T. Rankin, speaker at the fifth general session, will have as his topic "Poetry I Like." Dr. Rankin, since 1943 the Detroit Public School System's Assistant Superintendent of Schools, has taught at the Universities of Michigan and Minnesota, and was once part-time Associate Director of Wayne State University's Graduate School.



Robert M. Orr, director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, will be the speaker at the First General Session; his subject, "An Administrator Considers Streamlining Cataloging." Mr. Orr, a past President of MLA, began his professional career as a junior assistant in the Detroit Public Library in 1937. He came to Grosse Pointe in 1949, having spent the intervening twelve years in other Michigan and Illinois libraries and in a four-year hitch in the U. S. Air Force.

Leland Stowe has made an enviable career of globe trotting—as war correspondent, news commentator, roving reporter for the Reader's Digest—and has also found time to teach journalism at the University of Michigan and to write absorbing books like his most recent *Crusoe of Lonesome Lake*. He will speak at the Conference Banquet on "An Up-to-Date Assessment of Our Changing, Divided World."



Alden B. Dow has picked as his topic for his talk before the Sixth General Session, "As I See It, a Library Does This —." Mr. Dow had a good chance to figure out what libraries do while he served as architect for the Phoenix, Arizona Public Library, the Ann Arbor, Michigan, Public Library, and the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library in his home town of Midland, Michigan. The youngest son of the chemical firm's founder, he once studied with Frank Lloyd Wright, and has since won numerous prizes and awards for his notable designs, including the American Institute of Architects' Award of Merit in 1956.

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THEME: Growth and Change—The Challenge

Wednesday, October 23

9 a.m.—8:30 p.m.

10 a.m.—12 noon

Registration. Exhibits open all day

Adult Education Section—Jade Room

Chairman: Wallace J. Bonk, Department of Library Science, University of Michigan

Annual Business Meeting

Library-Community Project—Activities in Muskegon

Miss Muriel Fuller, State Project Director

"The Adult Education Section—Where to?

What Next?"

Presentation of reports of Advisory Committees on Section Activities

Further recommendations for section activities from the floor

12:15 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

County Library Section Luncheon—Tropical Room

Chairman: Norman Bunker, Ingham County Library

Speaker: Dr. Alex R. Gilpin

"Michigan County Histories"

Michigan Regional Group of Catalogers Luncheon—Silver Room

Chairman: Mrs. Helen Finster, Grosse Pointe Public Library

1 p.m.—6 p.m.

2:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m.

Exhibits Open

First General Session—Jade Room

Mrs. Helen Finster, Grosse Pointe Public Library, Presiding

Speaker: Robert Orr, Librarian, Grosse Pointe Public Library

"An Administrator Considers Streamlining Cataloging"

Reply: Miss Josephine Smith, Fordson High School, Dearborn

4 p.m.—5:15 p.m.

Story-telling Festival—Colonial Room

Mrs. Winnifred Crossley, Michigan State Library, Presiding

Theme: The United Nations

Miss Jane Steltenpohl, Detroit Public Library

Hans Christian Andersen: The Tinder Box

Miss Eleanor Burgess, Grand Rapids Public Library

Samuel F. Swayne: Great-Grandfather in the Honey Tree

Miss Radia Spoelhof, Grand Rapids

Rudyard Kipling: The Elephant's Child

8:30 p.m.—10 p.m.

Second General Session—Jade Room

Miss Clover Flanders, Presiding

Greetings from Ralph A. Ulveling, Director, Detroit Public Library

President's Report

Introduction of old and new boards

Wonderful, wonderful exhibits

Speaker: Emerson Greenaway, Librarian, Philadelphia Free Library

"The Challenge of Library Service in 1957"

Speaker: Mrs. Loleta Fyan, Librarian, Michigan State Library

"Growth and Change in Michigan: Where Will We Be in 1958?"

Thursday, October 24

8 a.m.—10 a.m.

Exhibitors' Breakfast—Colonial Room

9 a.m.—6 p.m.

Registration

9 a.m.—10 a.m.

Reference Section Business Meeting—Jade Room

Chairman: Mrs. Helen Sisson, Social Sciences Department, Detroit Public Library

10 a.m.—6 p.m.

Exhibits open

10 a.m.—12 noon

Third General Session—Jade Room

Mrs. Helen Sisson, Social Sciences Department, Detroit Public Library, Presiding

Introduction of Section Chairmen

Symposium on the Growth and Development of Reference Services in Public, University, and Special Libraries

Speaker: John M. Campbell, Scientific Director, Research Staff, General Motors

Speaker: Woodrow L. Ginsberg, Director, Research Department, UAW-CIO

Public Library Representative: Robert Runser, Chief, Technology Department, Detroit Public Library

University Library Representative: Dr. Frederick H. Wagman, Director, University Library, University of Michigan

Moderator: Dr. Ralph A. Ulveling, Director, Detroit Public Library

12:15 p.m.

University of Michigan Library School Alumni Association Luncheon—Colonial Room

1 p.m.

Free Afternoon for tours of libraries in the Detroit area and for shopping

Tours will leave from Cass Avenue entrance

Tour 1: General Motors Technical Center and Hamtramck Public Library

Tour 2: Eastland Shopping Center and the Chandler Park Branch of the Detroit Public Library

2 p.m.

Meeting of Old and New Boards of MLA, Committee and Section Chairmen—Aviation Room

7 p.m.

Conference Banquet—Colonial Room

Miss Clover Flanders, Presiding

Introduction of Speaker: Mrs. Arthur Yabroff, Chairman, Conference Committee

Speaker: Leland Stowe, author and journalist
"An Up-to-Date Assessment of Our Changing, Divided World"

Elizabeth Howard Mizner, Conference luncheon speaker

Friday, October 25

- 9 a.m.—8:30 p.m.
 9 a.m.—9 p.m.
 10 a.m.—12 noon
- Registration
 Exhibits open
 Trustees Section Board Meeting—Alaska Room
 Chairman: Mrs. Chester I. Hoffman, Trustee,
 South Haven Public Library
Fourth General Session—Jade Room
 Miss Clover Flanders, Presiding
 Introduction of Committee Chairmen
 Business Meeting of MLA
- 12:15 p.m.—2 p.m.
- Trustees Section Luncheon—Silver Room
 Mrs. Chester I. Hoffman, Trustee, South Haven
 Public Library, Presiding
 Speaker: Rev. Charles MacKenzie
 "Trustees' Responsibility in Personnel Problems"
 School and Children's Section Luncheon—Colonial
 Room
 Chairman: Miss Laura B. Long, Dow Memorial
 Public Library
 Speaker: D. Moreau Barringer, author
 "Fact and Fancy About Early Man"
 Hospital Librarians Section Luncheon—Tropical
 Room
 Chairman: Miss Linda Ganley, Veterans' Admin-
 istration Hospital, Dearborn
 Speaker: Dr. A. A. Canfield, Wayne State Univer-
 sity
 "Human Relations for a Hospital Librarian"
- 1 p.m.—2:30 p.m.
- College Section Meeting—English Room
 Chairman: Sister M. Claudia, I.H.M., Librarian,
 Marygrove College
 Symposium on Book Selection and Acquisition
 Speaker: Rolland C. Stewart, Head, Book Selec-
 tion Department, University of Michigan Li-
 brary
 "University of Michigan Undergraduate Library"
 Speaker: James E. Skipper, Assistant Librarian,
 Technical Services, Michigan State University
 Library
 "The Continuing Program of Book Selection and
 Acquisition"
 Speaker: Frank L. Schick, Assistant Librarian
 and Bibliographer, Wayne State University Li-
 brary
 "Acquiring Books from Abroad"
- 2:45 p.m.—3:45 p.m.
- Fifth General Session—Jade Room*
 Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Professional Member-At-
 Large, Presiding
 Speaker: Dr. Paul Rankin, Assistant Superin-
 tendent, Detroit Board of Education
 "Poetry I Like"
- 4 p.m.—5:15 p.m.
- Story-telling Festival—Colonial Room
 Mrs. Winnifred Crossley, Michigan State Library,
 Presiding
 Theme: The United Nations

Free afternoon for shopping and touring

Miss Margaret Joseph, Detroit Public Library
 Grimm (retold by Wanda Gag): *Gone Is Gone*
 Mrs. Mabel Murata, Melvindale Branch, Wayne
 County Library
 Japanese Folk Tale: *Momotara*
 Miss Miriam Wessell, Detroit Public Library
 Irish Folk Tale

8:30 p.m.—10 p.m.

Sixth General Session—Jade Room

Miss Clover Flanders, Presiding

Speaker: Alden Dow, architect

"As I See It, a Library Does This—"

"The Challenge—Did We Meet It?" (Conference
 Evaluation)

Chairman: Miss Muriel Fuller, Library Con-
 sultant, Michigan State Library

Panel Members: Wallace J. Bonk, Department of
 Library Science, University of Michigan; Bernard
 Oppenheer, Kalamazoo Public Library

Saturday, October 26

9 a.m.—12 noon

Registration. Exhibits open

8 a.m.—9:45 a.m.

School and Children's Section Breakfast and Business
 Meeting—Colonial Room

Chairman: Miss Laura B. Long, Dow Memorial
 Public Library

10 a.m.—12 noon

Seventh General Session—Jade Room

Clifford Wightman, President-Elect, Presiding

Panel Discussion on Library Cooperation—Ways,
 Means, and Responsibilities

Moderator: Miss Ruth Rutzen, Detroit Public Li-
 brary

Panel Members: Miss Eleanor Burgess, Grand
 Rapids Public Library; Miss Norma Jones, Cres-
 ton High School Library, Grand Rapids; Mrs.
 Louise Owens, Escanaba Public Library; Mrs.
 Goldie Nott, Ferris Institute Library; Ransom
 Richardson, Flint Public Library; Mrs. Madalyn
 Bradford, Van Buren County Library; Herbert
 Mutschler, Wayne County Library

12:15 p.m.

Conference Luncheon—Colonial Room

Clifford Wightman, President-Elect, Presiding

Speaker: Miss Elizabeth Howard Mizner

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